REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-20, and 22-39 are pending in this Application. Claims 1, 14, 19, 32, 37 and 38 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 1, 14, 19, 32, 37 and 38 have been amended. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-13, 19, 20, 22-31, and 37 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,167,448 to Hemphill et al. (hereinafter Hemphill) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,786 to Connelly et al. (hereinafter Connelly). Applicant(s) respectfully disagree(s) with these contentions and assert that the present claimed invention is not anticipated by any disclosure in the Hemphill and/or Connelly references.

Hemphill discloses, at column 2, lines 30-37, a device for delivery of event-related information of a managed device to a management server of a network, and the use of XML to provide a flexible scheme for encoding management information in response to a management event.

Connelly discloses, at column 3, lines 23-30, a fault tolerant method of monitoring one or more computers for availability and further including generating an event when a computer system detects a change in status that affects availability. Neither Hemphill nor Connelly, taken alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the use of an event message wherein the event message contains event registration information.

In contrast to Hemphill and Connelly, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the event registration includes product versions currently supported and a definition of a set of classes for the product. Event registration information is defined in the specification as filed at page 73, lines 1-28. Neither Hemphill nor Connelly, taken alone or in combination, discloses the same. The Examiner stated that Hemphill discloses event registration information, however Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's statement. In particular, the Examiner

stated that EAS files disclosed at column 10, line 32 through column 11, line 10 discloses event registration information. A careful review of Hemphill discloses that the EAS files is an Event Action Script which is an executable script that allows the specification of actions that should be taken, which is quite different than event registration information which includes product versions currently supported and a definition of a set of classes for the product.

Accordingly, since claim 1 discloses that the event message contains event registration information which includes product versions currently supported and a definition of a set of classes for the product while Hemphill and Connelly fail to disclose or suggest the same, amended claim 1 is beloved allowable over Hemphill and Connelly. Claims 19, 37 and 38 has been amended in a similar fashion as claim 1 and are believed allowable for the same reasons as claim 1. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-2, 4-13, 19, 20, 22-31, and 37 39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Hemphill in view of Connelly is believed to have been overcome.

Claims 14-16 and 32-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,779,004 to Zintel (hereinafter Zintel). The Examiner stated that Zintel discloses sending event registration information. Event registration information has been discussed above as including product versions currently supported and a definition of a set of classes for the product. Zintel fails to disclose the same, and instead discloses a server that receives and processes notify messages to handle notifications from resources and sends subscribe and unsubscribe messages to receive notifications from resources. Therefore, since claims 14 and 32 disclose event registration information which includes product versions currently supported and a definition of a set of classes for the product, while Zintel fails to disclose such, claims 14 and 32 are believed allowable over Zintel. Claims 15-16 and 33-34 depend from claim 14 or 32 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim which is believed allowable. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 14-16 and 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Zintel is believed to have been overcome.
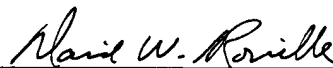
The Examiner rejected claims 17 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Zintel in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,526,442 to Stupek Jr. et al. (hereinafter Stupek). The Examiner also rejected claims 18 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Zintel in view of Connelly. Claims 17, 18, 35 and 36 depend from claim 14 or 32 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim which is believed allowable. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 17-18 and 35-36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Zintel in view of either Stupek or Connelly is believed to have been overcome.

In view of the above, the Examiner's rejections are believed to have been overcome, placing claims 1-2, 45-20 and 21-39 in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance hereof is respectfully requested.

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